

REMARKS

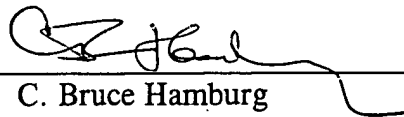
To avoid unnecessary repetition, the Examiner's attention is directed to the "Remarks" of the Amendment After Final Rejection as well as the attachment thereto.

The Advisory Action states: "The prior art teaches the administration of the addition salts of morphine transdermally. The claim language permits the presence of the permeation enhancer." In view of the latter sentence, claim 1 is amended to recite "consisting essentially of" instead of "comprising." Moreover, claims 1 and 13 are amended to reference the flux recitation to a suspension of the acid salt consisting essentially of the acid salt and olive oil. The use of olive oil as donor solvent did not affect the flux of the various morphine salts. Solubility of the morphine salts was the same in all cases. The solubility was poor. Therefore, all systems that were tested were present as suspensions. The use of ethanol or oleic acid, which are known to be enhancers, as solvent would have resulted in much higher flux values.

It is believed the application is now in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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